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PRESS RELEASE

Criminal Justice Act Panel

The Committee on Defender Services for the Southern District of New York announced that it will be accepting applications for positions on the District's Criminal Justice Act Panel.

The qualifications of attorneys applying for service on the Panel will be examined by the CJA Panel Review Committee of attorneys, who will make recommendations for the approval of the best qualified applicants to the Defender Services Committee of the Court. Only attorneys of superior experience and proven competency in the field of criminal defense work and admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York will be selected to serve on the Panel.

Attorneys chosen for the Panel serve for a three-year term. Each attorney is assigned a duty day of his or her own choosing every four to six months and is committed to represent every client on that day where the Federal Defender has a conflict. If additional attorneys are needed on a given day, other CJA attorneys on duty that week are called. Hours on duty are from 9:00 a.m. until the closing of the Magistrate Judge's Office, which is sometimes after 5:00 p.m.

Members of the Panel are reimbursed at the rate of \$90/hour for in and out-of-court time. Membership on the Panel is a service to both the Court and to the community.

Applicants can also apply for membership on the panels that represent defendants in capital cases and that represent defendants in non-trial work, primarily habeas corpus proceedings.

Applications for membership on the Panel are available from the CJA Clerk, Megan O'Conner, United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, Room 520, New York, NY, (212) 805-0640, or by downloading the application from the Court's Web site at www.nysd.uscourts.gov. Completed applications should be submitted to Leonard F. Joy, Esq., Federal Defender Division, 52 Duane Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1207.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 30, 2005.